



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Curiel *et al.* § ART UNIT: 1632
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FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding Pro- §
Apoptotic Bax Gene and Uses §
Thereof §
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (twice amended) A method of treating an individual having a neoplastic disease, comprising the step of administering to said individual a composition comprising an inducible recombinant adenoviral vector encoding a pro-apoptotic *bax* gene which is placed downstream of a *loxP* excision cassette and a vector encoding a